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A COPY PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR HOME NETWORKS

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IN THE ABSTRACT:

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-- A method for managing a global copy protection system for home networks is provided. Particularly, the defined method protects copyrighted digital content from unauthorized copying as it is transmitted across digital interfaces, provides a practical way of creating legitimate copies of broadcast and prerecorded content, and prevents illegitimate copies from being viewed.--